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SUBJECT: ERITREA - NEW STORIES

1. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NEWSPAPER STORIES ABOUT ARMED PEASANTS GOING TO ERITREA CONTAIN SOME INACCURACIES.

2. ARMED PEASANTS HAVE NOT RPT NOT ARRIVED IN ASMARA. PEASANT REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN ERITREA HAVE. APPARENT EPMG PLAN IS TO DEPLOY PEASANT BRIGADES TO AREAS OF ERITREA OTHER THAN ASMARA. WE DO NOT YET KNOW IF ANY OF THESE PEASANTS HAVE CROSSED ERITREAN BORDER.

3. ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN MOVED OUT OF ERITREA. FOREIGN CONSULATE PERSONNEL INCLUDING AMERICANS, AS WELL AS KAGNEW PERSONNEL, ARE STILL IN ASMARA. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN PULLED FROM OUTLYING AREAS OF ERITREA INTO ASMARA BUT NOT EXPELLED FROM ETHIOPIA; THE ONLY PRIVATE AMERICANS LEFT IN ERITREA ARE EIGHT PERSONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN ASMARA, NOT ROUNDED UP FROM COUNTRYSIDE. SEVERAL HUNDRED ITALIANS ARE STILL IN ERITREA, SOME IN AREAS OUTSIDE ASMARA, AND HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN GATHERED INTO THE CAPITAL. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONALS INCLUDING YEMENIS, GREEKS, ETC., ALSO ARE STILL IN ERITREA.

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4. AMCONGEN ASMARA AS OF MORNING 14 MAY REPORTS CITY IS QUIET,

WITH NO VISIBLE INDICATION OF PREPARATIONS FOR MILITARY ACTION
OR PRESENCE OF PEASANT VOLUNTEERS.
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